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Former SGA President Roderick Lee (left), Interim Provost and Dean Dr. John Leathers and current SGA President Carissa Herwig show the plaques given to them at the Student Awards Luncheon on April 19.

## Roderick Lee, Former SGA Leader, Earns High Honor, Praise

**By Paula Marinak**  
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Roderick Lee never had any experience serving in student government before his election as Student Government Association president last April, and he may not have campaigned without the encouragement of several PSH students and faculty.

But he has proven that supportive words coupled with determination and dedication can reap big rewards.

In the yearly Student Awards Recognition ceremony held at University Park on April 9, Lee was recognized as one of Penn State's most promising student leaders when he received the Ralph Dorn Hetzel Memorial Award.

Given annually, the award is named for the university's 10th president, who held the post from 1926 to 1947.

It recognizes two seniors for outstanding academic talent, good citizenship and participation and leadership in activities within and outside the college community.

"It is one of the top student achievement awards of the university," said Dr. Mukund Kulkarni, director of the PSH School of Business Administration.

Students, faculty and staff can recommend any Penn State senior for the award. Interested students may also nominate

themselves. Career services coordinator Karl Martz served on the committee who selected this year's recipients.

The group of faculty and staff from University Park and several satellite campuses chose Lee from 85 candidates.

Martz said Lee received 11 nominations, a record for this prize in the nine years he has been a committee member.

When Lee received the letter announcing his selection as a Hetzel recipient, he said, "It was a thrilling, refreshing moment to be recognized for this award. I really didn't think I had a chance because University Park students do things on such a larger scale than what we do."

As one of the two honorees, Lee received a plaque and a \$100 check, which he has already spent. "I used it to take my family out to dinner," he said, smiling.

Not since the early 90s has a PSH student won. "There are about 65,000 Penn State students system-wide," said Martz. "To be

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## Student Groups Recognized at Awards Luncheon

**By Cathie McCormick Musser**  
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Outgoing Provost and Dean Dr. John Leathers strode casually to the podium and accepted an award from outgoing SGA President Roderick Lee.

The luncheon guests applauded and the words "speech, speech" echoed from several corners of the room. Leathers turned, raised the plaque skyward and simply said, "It's been a real hoot."

Those words seemed a fitting end to the 1999 - 2000 PSH student government and organization year.

The Student Awards Luncheon was held April 19 in the CUB. Faculty, staff and members of the more than 30 campus clubs and organizations talked, ate and rec-

ognized the contributions of student leadership.

Dr. Don Holtzman, PSH director of student affairs, addressed the issue of leadership in his opening remarks. Holtzman feels this has been an outstanding year for student leadership at PSH.

According to Holtzman, besides being more visible on campus, student organizations have eaten "enough pizza to keep two local vendors in business."

It certainly has been an exciting year. SGA President Roderick Lee gave new definition to being actively involved in campus life and championed changes in

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## Filmmaker Kempner Speaks About the Holocaust Resistance

**By Drew Ames**  
For The Capital Times

On Tuesday, April 18, filmmaker Aviva Kempner met in the Gallery Lounge with a large group of PSH students and faculty to talk about her film, *The Partisans of Vilna*.

The tone was intimate.

Kempner sat next to the podium, sipped water and only occasionally glanced at her notes. She talked about growing up Jewish in Detroit and her motivation for making the film.

According to Kempner, *Partisans of Vilna* won a number of awards, including a CINE Golden Eagle award. It has been shown theatrically, and viewed at the Berlin; Haifa, Israel; London; Toronto; and Troia film festivals. The album of music from the film was nominated for a Grammy in 1991.

Kempner was born in Berlin immediately after the end of World War II. Her mother was a Polish Jew who managed to pass as a non-Jew and spent the war working in a factory.



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Aviva Kempner

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### Tarnhelm 2000 Is Out



Tarnhelm 2000 was released at the club's ceremony on April 19. Article and award winners, page 3.